

On page 7, before line 1, please insert the following heading:

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--Description of Preferred Embodiments--

On page 10 beginning at line 18 and continuing through to page 11, line 2, please replace the existing paragraph with the following:

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--The center points, 40,65 of the circumferential circles 41,66 of the first and second groups of the arrangement 1 are spaced upon the linear conveying device 3 by a distance equal to three times the spacing d between adjacent carriers. The diameters of the two circumferential circles 41 and 66 are the same, and correspond to two times the spacing d between adjacent carriers upon the conveyor belt 13.--

On page 12 beginning at line 21 and continuing through to page 13, line 4, please replace the existing paragraph with the following:

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--The linear conveying device 3a has a track or line 14a upon which is disposed a conveyor belt 13a. As described above for the conveyor belt 13 of the first embodiment, the conveyor belt 13a also extends between two reversing ends 15a and 16a of the linear conveying device 3a, and is driven by means of a drive roller 18a at the reversing end 16a by a suitable drive means 19a, such as a controlled servomotor.--

On page 16 beginning at line 11 and continuing to line 17, please replace the existing paragraph with the following:

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--As soon as the loaded carriers 22,24,25 and 27 are disposed upon the circumferential circles 41 or 46, the handling devices 4 and 5 are rotated into the position shown in Figure 1, in which the receivers 42 to 47 are disposed either over the central receiving points 60A to 60C or over the carriers 22 and 24. The same applies for the second group of the arrangement 1, which comprises the handling device 5, the four processing stations 7A to 7D, and the conveyor belt 13.-